



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3663
Docket No.: 1614.1356**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kaoru USUI, et al.

Serial No. 10/639,467

Group Art Unit: 3663

Confirmation No. 6110

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Examiner: HUGHES, DEANDRA M

For: OPTICAL AMPLIFYING APPARATUS FOR WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEXED SIGNALS (Title as Amended)

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: BOX AF

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on June 22, 2006.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.